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City of Ravenswood Approved For Water & Waste Disposal Loan

Morgantown, WV – April 24, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$1,356,000 for the City of Ravenswood, Jackson County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used for improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The improvements will include upgrading the existing wastewater lagoon and adding two new aerated ponds. This is a subsequent loan to cover a construction cost over-run and completes a total Rural Development funding package of \$4,200,000.

"This project will benefit the City's 1,763 current customers as well as provide service to the annexed area of Jackson Crossing," stated Steptoe. He added, "Rural Development's mission is to improve the quality of life for all rural Americans; this project clearly demonstrates Rural Development's efforts in that regard."

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